

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of July 24, 2008

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, July 24, 2008, in Hearing Room One, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Daniel F. Caruso at 2:05 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Judge Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman
Gerald J. Heffernan
(designee for Commissioner Downes)
Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner McCarthy)

Colin C. Tait
Vice Chairman
Barbara Currier Bell
Philip T. Ashton
James J. Murphy, Jr.
Edward S. Wilensky

Council Members Absent:

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.

Staff Members Present:

S. Derek Phelps
Executive Director
Christina Lepage
Siting Analyst
Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst

David Martin
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Staff Members Absent:

Fred Cunliffe
Siting Analyst Supervisor

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of July 10, 2008.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of July 10, 2008, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed with Mr. Wilensky abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 358 – MCF Communications bg, Inc. and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility at one of two locations located at 347 Riverside Drive (Route 12), and 407 Riverside Drive (Route 12), Thompson, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the draft Findings of Fact, Chairman Caruso polled the Council members with Mr. Ashton, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Golembiewski, Mr. Wilensky, Dr. Bell, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Tait in favor of granting a Certificate for a telecommunications facility located at Site A.

Chairman Caruso directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

DOCKET NO. 365 - Optasite Towers LLC and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 39 Maennerchor Avenue, Norwich, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the application as complete, the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Jessica Brito as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the Town of Norwich, and a public field review and hearing in Norwich on Thursday, August 21, 2008; seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 366 - Optasite Towers LLC and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 52 Stadley Rough Road, Danbury, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript, Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the application as complete, the schedule for processing the docket as per staff recommendations, the appointment of Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, the deposition of the transcript in the City of Danbury, and a public field review and hearing in Danbury on Tuesday, September 9, 2008; seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 794 - Clearview Renewable Energy, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 29.0 MW Mixed Biomass Generating Project located at the Kofkoff Egg Farm, Bozrah, Connecticut. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Heffernan moved to approve intervenor status for the Town of Franklin, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 859 – Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the installation of five enclosures to house new variable frequency drive systems to be connected to the circulating water system pump motors located at Millstone Power Station, Waterford, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-METROPCS-158-080630 – MetroPCS New York, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 20 Post Office Lane, Westport, Connecticut.

Mr. Heffernan moved to approve the order for tower sharing, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters

Chairman Caruso announced that the next energy/telecommunications meeting is scheduled on Thursday, August 7, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., in Hearing Room One. Other calendar dates were also discussed.

The Council wished Mr. Mercier a Happy 40th Birthday.

Adjournment.

Chairman Caruso adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Caruso
Chairman

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